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THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE NO LONGER MARVEL'S FIRST FAMILY...AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY AREN'T MUCH OF A FAMILY AT ALL:

HAVING USHERED IN UTOPIA ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH, REED RICHARDS, MR. FANTASTIC, HAS SEQUESTERED HIMSELF IN A HIGH-ORBITING SATELLITE, WHERE HE WORKS TO FACILITATE THE EARTH'S ENTRANCE AND ACCEPTANCE IN THE LARGER GALACTIC COMMUNITY.

JOHNNY STORM, THE HUMAN TORCH, HAVING FINALLY GROWN INTO HIS POWERS, IS NOW A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE AVENGERS, JOINING THOR, IRON MAN AND OTHERS AS THEY BATTLE WITH DANGEROUS ANARCHISTS AT THE FARTHEST FRONTIERS OF OUR GALAXY.

BEN GRIMM, THE THING, HAS FOUND THE LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE HE HAS ALWAYS DESIRED, LIVING WITH HIS WIFE, ALICIA MASTERS AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN IN THE INHUMAN CIVILIZATION NOW LOCATED ON MARS.

SUE STORM, THE INVISIBLE WOMAN, STILL RECOVERING FROM THE DEATH OF HER CHILDREN AND ESTRANGEMENT OF HER HUSBAND, HAS BURIED HERSELF IN ACADEMIC PURSUITS ON EARTH, SUCH AS STUDYING UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY, WHERE SHE COMES ACROSS THE PRINCE OF ATLANTIS, NAMOR.

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EVERY TIME I
RETURN TO EARTH
I'M STAGGERED BY
HOW BEAUTIFUL IT
HAS BECOME.

THERE ISN'T A HINT OF
THE DEVASTATION CAUSED
BY THE MUTANT WAR.

SORRY TO INTRUDE
ON YOUR APPRECIATION
OF NATURE, TONY...BUT
YOU SAID YOU COULDN'T
STAY LONG.

THAT'S RIGHT, BRUCE.
THE AVENGERS ARE
EN ROUTE TO A CRISIS
ON CHARON, SO I'LL
NEED TO SEND MY
CONSCIOUSNESS
BACK ASAP.

REED'S
NOT ANSWERING
HIS COMLINK. HE'S
MOST LIKELY AT SOME
VITAL POINT OF AN
EXPERIMENT...HE'S
GROWN MORE
RECLUSIVE OVER
THE YEARS...

...BUT THE
REST OF
THE GANG IS
HERE.



PETER, HANK, T'CHALLA, STEVE... GLAD YOU COULD ALL MAKE IT AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE YOU'VE ASKED US TO BYPASS OFFICIAL CHANNELS SO WE FIGURED IT WAS IMPORTANT.

ESPECIALLY AFTER WE HEARD ABOUT THE ANARCHIST ACTIVITY NEAR PLUTO.

MY GUESS IS, WHAT FURY DIDN'T REPORT TO CONGRESS IS THAT THE ANARCHIST STUNTS ARE PART OF A LARGER STRATEGY...



...AND SINCE YOU ARE HERE, YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE ON EARTH.

YOU KNOW FURY, STEVE. IT'S ONLY A HUNCH-- BUT A POSSIBILITY WE MUST CONSIDER.



IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE BEEN IN ACTION, TONY.

YOU STILL HAVE THE RIGHT INSTINCTS, CAP. FURY JUST WANTS YOU ALL TO BE ON ALERT.



ALERT TO WHAT? ASIDE FROM THE FACT WE ALL SPEND MOST OF OUR TIME IN COUNCIL MEETINGS OR OUR LABORATORIES...

...THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT CRIME ON EARTH FOR DECADES.

YEAH, ALL THE VILLAINS LEFT FOR THE FRONTIER COLONIES.



BUT WITH A SOLAR SYSTEM TO HIDE IN THEY'RE A LOT HARDER TO TRACK. THEY MAY EVEN HAVE COME BACK HERE--

--I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER THAT VILLAINS DO SNEAKY THINGS LIKE THAT.

GOT A PROBLEM WITH VILLAINS...?



...THEN CALL SPIDER-KID...

HA HAH HA... BUG SQUAD!

WE'RE READY FOR ACTION.

NOT NOW, JUNIOR.

BEETLE BOY!

AND THE WASP-- WE ARE
THE BUG SQUAD!



I'M REALLY SORRY I CAN'T STAY TO SEE THIS.

THE GUYS ARE GOING TO LOVE IT...
zzzz

HEY, DAD... IS IRON MAN GOING ON A MISSION?

HE'S... EH...



...WELL, ACTUALLY, HIS MIND IS ALREADY THERE--MILLIONS OF MILES AWAY.

HIS HOST-SHELL IS RETURNING TO STORAGE ON AUTO-PILOT.



THAT IS SOOO UNFAIR, DADDY. WE NEVER GET ANY EXCITEMENT LIKE YOU OLD FOLKS DID.

NOW THAT THE WORLD IS ALL PEACEFUL...



...LIFE IS JUST SOOO DULL.

CHARON.

REACTOR
FOURTEEN HAS
DETONATED...

...AND THREE
MORE ARE SPIKING,
LORD HIGH
EVOLUTIONARY.

ALL THAT
WE HAVE CREATED
HERE IS IN THE BALANCE,
LOYAL ASCARIS...

I AM DOING
MY BEST TO DISPERSE
THE FEEDBACK...

...BUT WE ARE
AT THE MERCY OF
OUR MYSTERIOUS
ASSAILANT
UNLESS--

CHARON
BASE--
AVENGERS ONE
RESPONDING...
E.T.A.
THREE
MINUTES...

NOT A
MOMENT TOO
SOON, BRAVE
WARRIORS.

THE IDENTITY
AND NUMBER OF
INSURGENTS IS
UNKNOWN.

THEIR VESSEL
IMPACTED CLOSE TO THE
SOUTHERN THERMAL
VENT.

ON OUR WAY.

HAH HAH--
BUG SQUAD.



TONY,
YOU'RE BACK JUST
IN TIME...WE'RE
ON APPROACH TO
CHARON BASE.

PLUTO'S MOON--
THE HIGH
EVOLUTIONARY
ESTABLISHED A
HEADQUARTERS
THERE...

...WHILE HE
TERRAFORMS
PLUTO IN
PREPARATION TO
BECOME THE
OUTPOST FOR
QUARANTINE
STAGE TWO.

I KNOW THAT! YOU THINK
MY CONSCIOUSNESS
TRANSFER IS DEFECTIVE,
DON'T YOU?

WHEN YOU
REACTIVATED, YOU
LAUGHED AND SAID
"BUG, SQUAD."

YEAH, WELL...IT
WAS HYSTERICAL--
THE KIDS, PLAYING
HEROES...AND--

IT WAS FUNNY!

MAYBE
YOU HAD TO
BE THERE.

YEAH...

PERHAPS I
COULD HELP
YOU RUN A
NEURAL
DIAGNOSTIC.

ZERO VISUAL
OF THE TARGET AREA.
AN IONIZED STORM IS
OBSCURING OUR
SENSORS.

OKAY,
NORRIN. SHIP ON
AUTO--WE'LL BAIL AT
HIGH ALTITUDE.

DELTA
FORMATION, GUYS--
THOR AND VISION
ON POINT.

DID YOU
SEE REED
ON EARTH,
TONY?

NO...HE'S TURNED
INTO A HERMIT BY
ALL ACCOUNTS--

THE EARTH LOOKS
AMAZING, THOUGH...
A GENUINE UTOPIA.

IS THIS
SMOG OR A
SMOKE-
SCREEN?

I WILL
SCOUT
AHEAD.

HOLD ON,
VISION. EVEN
IN INTANGIBLE-
FORM RADIATION
COULD HURT
YOU--

AND THIS
STUFF MAY BE
VOLATILE. CAN
YOU SHIFT IT,
THOR?

THOUGH
TENUOUS AND
ALIEN, WHAT SKY
THERE BE WILL
BEND TO MINE
HAND.

BY THE
GREAT PAMA!
ULTRON--
HUNDREDS
OF THEM!

WE TERMINATED ALL
THINGS ULTRON
DECADES AGO--WHO
COULD HAVE CREATED
THIS BUNCH?

SOMEONE,
WHO WANTS UTOPIA
TO FAIL!



...BUT WHY DOES A UTOPIAN DREAM FAIL, NAMOR?

THE CIVILIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THIS BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURE WAS CLEARLY AT THE PINNACLE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT--

AN EARTHQUAKE, PLAGUE, FAMINE, WAR... WHY DOES IT MATTER?

BECAUSE THEY ARE A PEOPLE FORGOTTEN TO HISTORY... WHAT COULD THEY HAVE TAUGHT US?

NOTHING! THEY FAILED...

AND IF YOU WERE BREATHING THE WATER AS I DO... YOU'D TASTE THE STENCH OF DEATH AND DECAY.

EVEN THE SCAVENGER FISH AVOID THIS PLACE... IT IS NOT FOR THE LIVING.

OH, NAMOR, THIS TEMPLE HAD SURVIVED FOR MILLENNIA AND YOU--

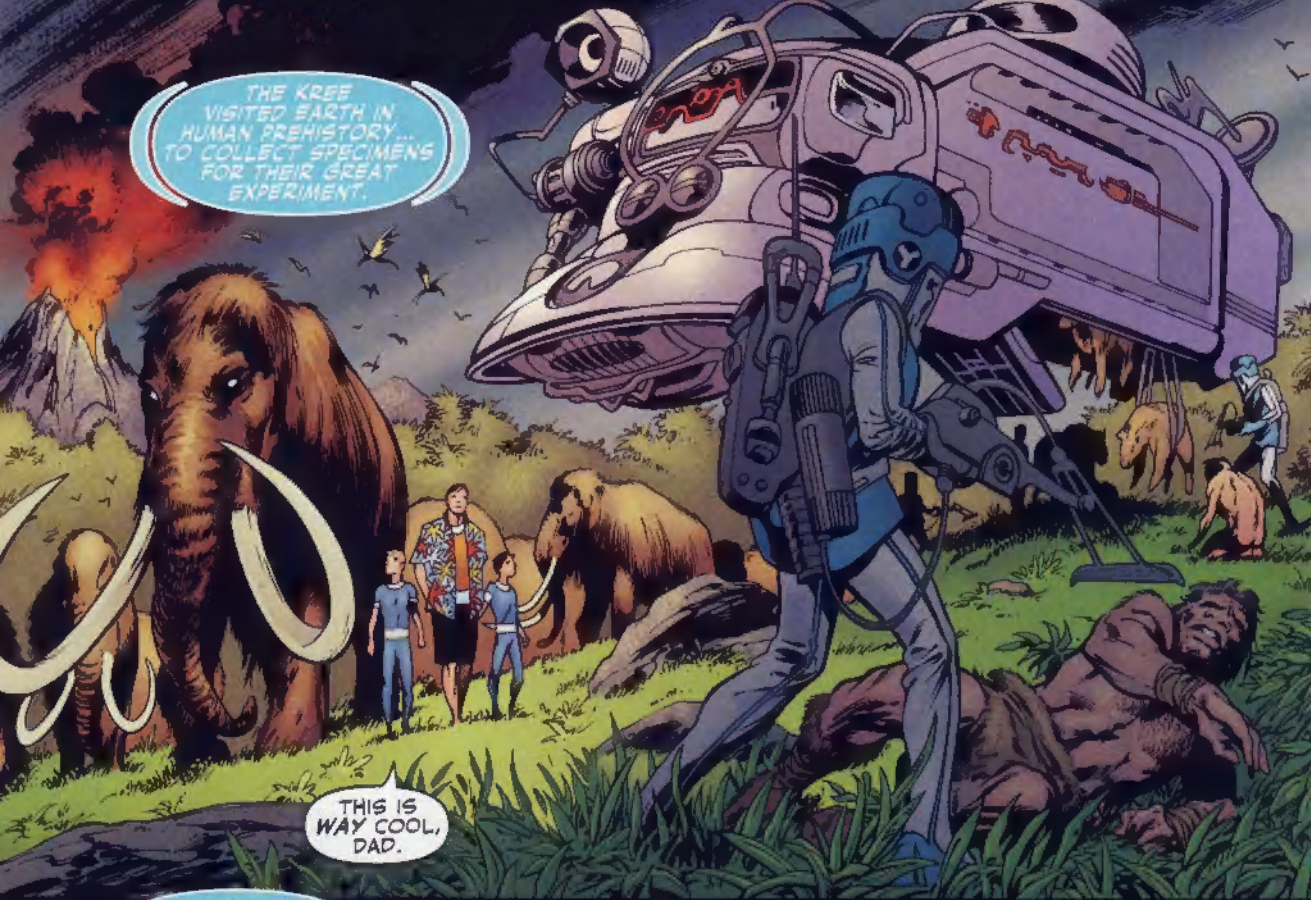
--NOW THAT IS INTERESTING!

WHAT?

HIDDEN UNDER THE ALTAR STONE... A MAP...

IT'S KREE.

SKRMP



THE KREE
VISITED EARTH IN
HUMAN PREHISTORY...
TO COLLECT SPECIMENS
FOR THEIR GREAT
EXPERIMENT.

THIS IS
WAY COOL,
DAD.

IN BUT A
FEW GENERATIONS
THE VICTIMS WERE
ADVANCED THROUGH
MILLENNIA OF EVOLUTION
TO CREATE A SUPERIOR
RACE--THE
INHUMANS...

THE MUSEUM
CALLS THESE DISPLAYS
FULL SENSORY HOLOGRAMS.
THEY'RE BASED ON ACTUAL
VIDEO RECORDS.

A SPECIES OF
INFINITE DIVERSITY
AND LIMITLESS
CREATIVITY.

YET
STILL THEY
WERE CONTROLLED
AND ANALYZED BY
THE KREE.

WHO
FILMED
THEM?

A ROBOT
LIKE THAT
ONE. A KREE
SENTRY.

LOOKS
TOUGH.

YEAH.



WHAT IS THAT STINK?

SOME SORT OF ANIMAL POLLUTING ONE OF THE HOLO-DISPLAYS.



AW... THE SHOW'S STOPPED...JUST WHEN THE FIGHTIN' WAS GONNA START.

BACK OFF, BUDDY.

THAT VILE STENCH--I CANNOT TELL IF IT IS THE WEEDY HUMAN, SNIFF, OR HIS SCRAWNY PUPS.



HEY, KIDS, TIME'S GETTIN' ON. GO FIND YER MOM.

HE IS THE LACKEY OF A WOMAN.

A NURSEMAID... YES...

HURRY, LITTLE MAN, OR YOU'LL LOSE YOUR SMELLY BRATS.



...I JUS' DIDN'T WANT 'EM TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

THANKS FER THE CONCERN, GUYS, BUT THEY'LL BE FINE...

SURE
THING!

WE DID
NOT REALIZE IT
WAS YOU...

WE
THOUGHT
YOU WERE A
HUMAN.

WADDJA MEAN
"THOUGHT I WAS,"
I AM A...

...HUMAN?!

WELL...

I USED
T'BE...

JUS' GIT
OUTTA HERE, Y'BUMS--
AN' TAKE CARE WHO Y'PICK ON
NEXT TIME, 'CAUSE THEY MAY
NOT BE AS FORGIN'
AS ME.

SHEESH--
YEARS OF BEIN'
A MONSTER ON
EARTH...

...FINALLY
ABLE TO MAINTAIN
HUMAN FORM...GO
TO MARS...

...AN' THEY
WANT THE
THING...

OH THE
IRONY...

...RIGELIAN
SCIENTISTS HAVE
RECORDED THE
SAME INEXPLICABLE
SENSOR ECHOES
RIGHT ACROSS
THE GALAXY.

TINY
FLUCTUATIONS
BARELY DISCERNIBLE
EVEN TO THE MOST
SENSITIVE
EQUIPMENT--

I AM SURE
THE COUNCIL WILL
ALL AGREE THE RIGELIANS
ARE MOST EXPERT WITH THE
INEXPLICABLE AND BARELY
DISCERNIBLE...

...BUT CAN
WE MOVE ON TO A
MORE IMPORTANT
MATTER?

THIS IS
IMPORTANT.

THERE IS
NO "HUMAN SITUATION"--
MUST WE LISTEN AGAIN TO
THE SKRULLS' PARANOID
FEARS--

OUR INTERVENTION WAS
LIMITED TO THE TRIBE
KNOWN AS "INHUMANS"--
AN INTERESTING CURIOSITY
BUT STUNTED BY AN
UNPREDICTABLE GENETIC
INSTABILITY.

WHEN
THE FLUCTUATIONS
BECAME LESS TINY
PERHAPS.

BUT IT
IS OF SCANT
IMPORT COMPARED
TO THE HUMAN
SITUATION.

IT WAS THE KREE'S
GENETIC INTERFERENCE THAT
CREATED THE PROBLEM--HOW
ELSE CAN THE HUMANS' SUDDEN
TECHNOLOGICAL EVOLUTION
BE EXPLAINED?

THERE
IS NO MYSTERY
TO THE HUMANS'
ADVANCEMENT.

ONE MAN IS
RESPONSIBLE.
REED
RICHARDS.

THE
SAME EARTHMAN
WHO STOOD IN
THIS CHAMBER TO
NEGOTIATE THE
QUARANTINE
PROTOCOL--

--BUT THE
SKRULLS KNOW
RICHARDS AS HE WHO
FOILED THEIR EVERY
DEVIOUS ATTEMPT
TO DOMINATE
THE EARTH.

CONCUR. THE
THREAT POSED BY EARTH
WAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED
WITH THE DEMISE OF THE
MUTANT BREED.

LET US
AGREE TO HONOR THE
PROTOCOL FOR AS LONG
AS THE "QUARANTINE SHELL"
AROUND THE SOL SYSTEM
REMAINS INTACT.

HARON.

THIS IS WAY
TOO EASY.

AYE, 'TIS
NO CONTEST. WHAT
STRENGTH YON ROBOTS
HAD BE LESSENING
STILL.

THE MOLECULAR
RESONANCE OF THESE
CONSTRUCTS IS
INCONSISTENT WITH PRIOR
ULTRON ENCOUNTERS--
AND THE INTERIORS ARE
WITHOUT STRUCTURAL
DENSITY VARIATION.

Y'MEAN,
THEY'RE
PHONEY.

SOUNDS
FAMILIAR.

DÉJÀ VU
ALL OVER
AGAIN.

OD'S
BLOOD. IS SOME
MALICIOUS SPRITE
MAKING JEST
OF US?

NAH! THE BUG SQUAD
WERE FUNNY--THIS IS
SERIOUSLY ANNOYING.

AVENGERS...



...LOOK
THERE, TO THE
SPACE WE LEFT
BUT A SHORT
TIME AGO...

...THE
QUARANTINE
SATELLITE HAS
VAPORIZED.

THE LIGHT FROM
THE EXPLOSION
TOOK TIME TO
REACH US...

THIS ENTIRE EVENT
WAS STAGED TO
DISTRACT US--DRAW US
AWAY FROM THE
EARLIER BATTLE SITE.

I WOULD ESTIMATE THE
ULTRON CONSTRUCTS
DISINTEGRATED AT THE
PRECISE INSTANT THE
SATELLITE DETONATED.

THIS ATTACK...
ALL THIS WANTON
DAMAGE...A DISTRACTION!
WHO WOULD PERPETRATE
SUCH INSANITY?

WE'VE BEEN
CALLING
THEM THE
ANARCHISTS.

BORED
CRIMINALS INDULGING
IN RANDOM ACTS OF
VANDALISM--

THAT HAS
BEEN THE REASON
FOR MOST ANTISOCIAL
BEHAVIOR SINCE THE
SOLAR QUARANTINE
BEGAN--



--BUT THE SCALE OF THESE ATTACKS IS OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND PART OF SOME LARGER STRATEGY.

YEAH, FURY WAS RIGHT.

AND I'M NOT EVEN GONNA SAY "I TOLD YA SO!"



THE S.H.I.E.L.D. ARK IS STILL TWENTY MINUTES OUT, BUT I GUESS WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE HERE.

YEAH, IN THE DARK.

THEN LET ME ILLUMINATE.

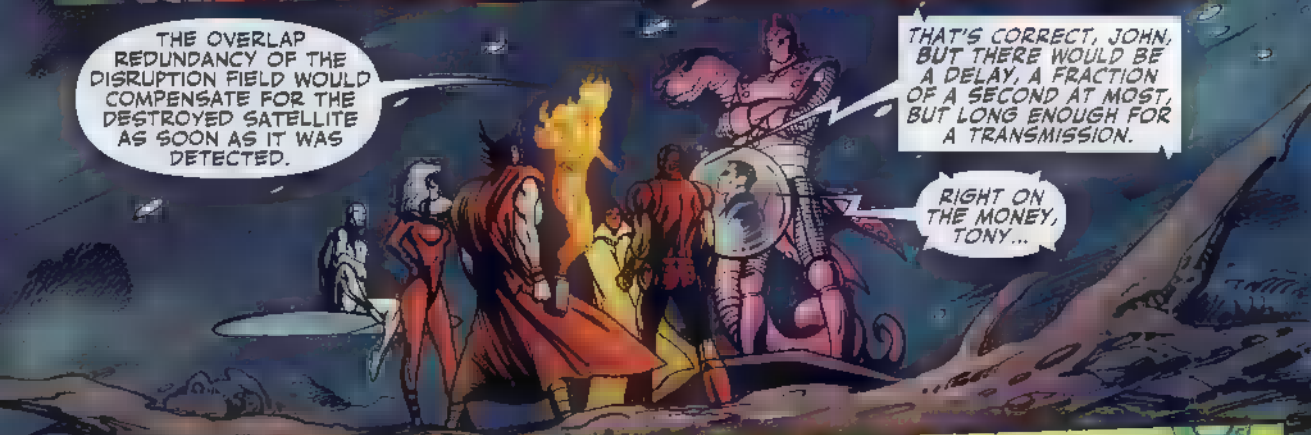
OUR TECHS COLLECTED A SAMPLE OF THE GELATINOUS MASS THE PHONEY VILLAINS BECAME. IT BLEW UP IN THE LAB-- SOME SORT OF "SENTIENT EXPLOSIVE."

THE BULK OF THE STUFF OBVIOUSLY DRIFTED TO THE QUARANTINE SATELLITE AND WORKED ITS WAY INTO SOMETHING VITAL.



SO THE ATTACK ON CHARON WAS JUST TO KEEP US DISTRACTED WHILE THE GLOP DID ITS WORK. THAT'S DEVIOUS ON A GRAND SCALE.

MIGHT HAVE A CLUE AS TO THE WHO IF WE COULD FIGURE OUT THE WHY. WHAT WAS ACHIEVED?



THE OVERLAP REDUNDANCY OF THE DISRUPTION FIELD WOULD COMPENSATE FOR THE DESTROYED SATELLITE AS SOON AS IT WAS DETECTED.

THAT'S CORRECT, JOHN, BUT THERE WOULD BE A DELAY, A FRACTION OF A SECOND AT MOST, BUT LONG ENOUGH FOR A TRANSMISSION.

RIGHT ON THE MONEY, TONY...



...COMMUNICATIONS CONFIRM A SIGNAL FROM OUTSIDE THE SOL SYSTEM WAS PUNCHED THROUGH THE QUARANTINE FIELD. IT WAS DIRECTED AT...

... ARS.

FLAN' BLVS...

SHLDA
CLBBED
D'BMS...

PCKN
N LTL
KDS...

THAT
BOULDER
MUST HAVE
REALLY
OFFENDED
YOU, BEN.

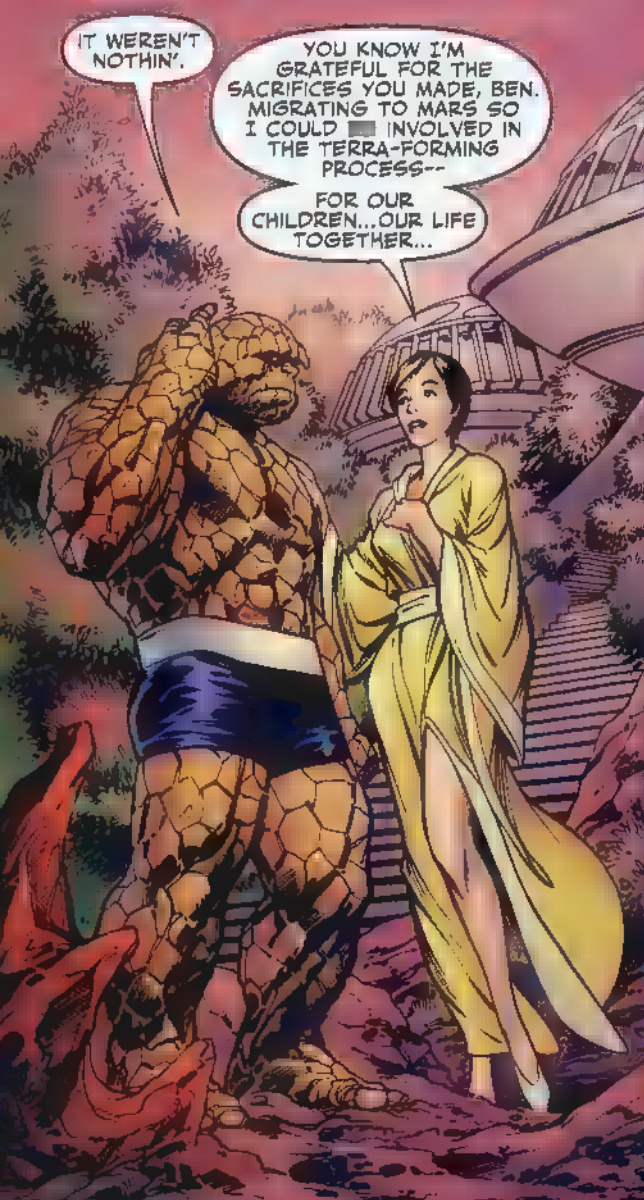
OH...

EH, NAH--

I, AH,
THOUGHT I'D
GIVE SCULPTURE
A SHOT, BUT I
AIN'T GOT YOUR
FINESSE.

THE
CHILDREN TOLD
ME WHAT HAPPENED
AT THE MUSEUM
YESTERDAY.





IT WEREN'T
NOTHIN'.

YOU KNOW I'M
GRATEFUL FOR THE
SACRIFICES YOU MADE, BEN.
MIGRATING TO MARS SO
I COULD BE INVOLVED IN
THE TERRA-FORMING
PROCESS--

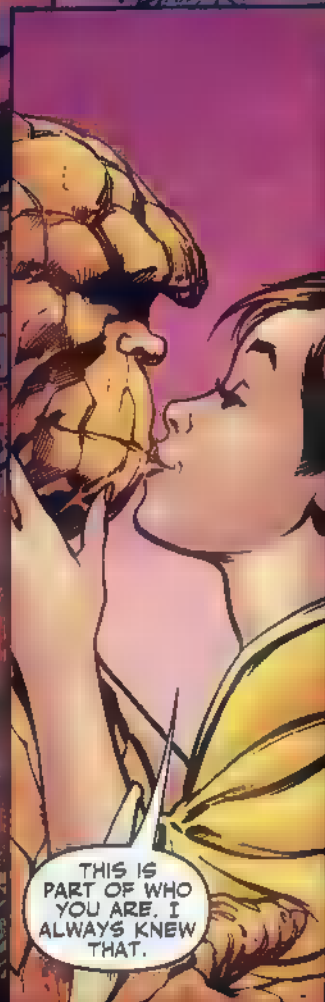
FOR OUR
CHILDREN...OUR LIFE
TOGETHER...



IT WEREN'T
ANY SACRIFICE.
MY LIFE HAS BEEN--
/S PERFECT...IT'S
JUST...I DUNNO--
ME!

FOR YEARS
I DREAMT OF
BEIN' HUMAN--
NEVER BEIN' THE
THING AGAIN...

BUT YOU
ARE, SILLY...
YOU ALWAYS
WILL BE.

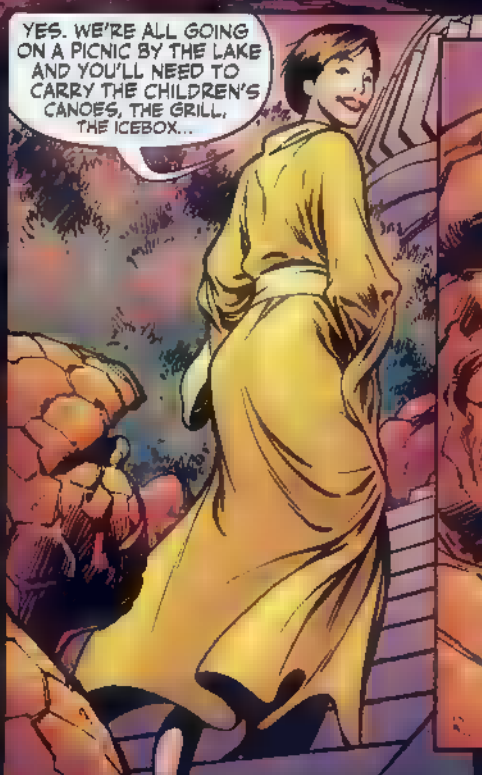


THIS IS
PART OF WHO
YOU ARE. I
ALWAYS KNEW
THAT.



OH...
AND I WANT
YOUR "THING" FORM
THIS MORNING,
DEAR.

YEAH?!



YES. WE'RE ALL GOING
ON A PICNIC BY THE LAKE
AND YOU'LL NEED TO
CARRY THE CHILDREN'S
CANOES, THE GRILL,
THE ICEBOX...



LIFE IS
GOOD.

THIS WAS A KREE CITY, NAMOR. BUT IT WAS BUILT ON ANOTHER FAR OLDER RUIN--AND THE MINERALS ARE ALIEN TO EARTH...

...MAYBE EVEN ALIEN TO OUR UNIVERSE.

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR HELPING ■ FIND THIS PLACE, NAMOR. IT IS TRULY, TRULY AMAZING...

GOOD. NOW THAT YOU HAVE SEEN IT... CAN WE GO?

NO, NOT YET. I WANT TO EXAMINE IT MORE CLOSELY.

THIS AREA IS NOT COMFORTABLE FOR ME--THE DARK CHIMNEYS MAKE THE WATER HOT AND TOXIC.

I CAN MANAGE ON MY OWN. YOU GO SOMEWHERE MORE COMFORTABLE.

I DO NOT REMEMBER YOU BEING INTERESTED IN ARCHAEOLOGY BEFORE.

MY CHILDREN'S NANNY--AGATHA HARKNESS-- GOT THEM HOOKED...AND AFTER AGATHA DIED, IT WAS SOMETHING ■ COULD SHARE WITH THEM... MY CHILDREN.

FRANKLIN AND VALERIA, YES... IT WAS A GREAT TRAGEDY.

YES... FRANKLIN AND VALERIA...SOMETIMES IT HURTS TOO MUCH TO SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

...BUT THEY ARE ALWAYS IN MY THOUGHTS.

FORGIVE ME, SUSAN. IT WAS NOT MY INTENT TO CAUSE YOU PAIN...

I WAS PUZZLED THAT YOUR SEARCH FOR RELICS SEEMED SO MUCH MORE THAN AN IDLE INTEREST...

YOU'RE RIGHT-- YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE HONEST--

NAMOR, YOU ATLANTEAN MONGREL...

...DID YOU
THINK BY HIDING
AMONGST HELL'S
CHIMNEYS YOU COULD
ESCAPE ATTUMA'S
HORDES?



...S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMUNICATIONS DETECTED THE SIGNAL DIRECTION--BUT THAT WAS ALL.

FURY ASSUMED THE SIGNAL MIGHT BE KREE IN ORIGIN BECAUSE THE INHUMANS ARE ON MARS.

BUT THE INHUMANS HAVE NO LOYALTY TO THE KREE--QUITE THE OPPOSITE.

I'M SURE YOU ARE CORRECT, JOHN. FURY CHOSE YOU TO GO TO MARS BECAUSE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE INHUMAN ROYAL FAMILY GIVES YOU A UNIQUE INSIGHT INTO THEIR SECRETIVE CULTURE.

WOULDN'T BET ON IT, NORRIN. I'D STILL BE WITH CRYSTAL IF I HAD BEEN ABLE TO FIT IN.

BUT BEN WILL HELP. HE'S THERE WITH ALICIA AND THE CHILDREN.

LORD, I HOPE WE GET THERE BEFORE SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS--CAN'T YOU GO ANY FASTER, SURFER?

THERE IS NO BEING OR SHIP FASTER THAN I, JOHN.

YEAH... I KNOW, I'M SORRY. SPACE IS JUST SO DAMN BIG! THAT'S THE ONLY REASON THE ANARCHISTS ARE GIVING US THE RUNAROUND--

Y'KNOW, THE LAST TIME I SAW REED, HE WAS WORKING ON AN IDEA TO MAKE TRAVEL BETWEEN THE COLONIES FASTER-- "INSTANTANEOUS," HE SAID.

THAT WAS THREE--MAYBE FOUR YEARS AGO...I SHOULD HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH MORE.

I HOPE HE ISN'T IN ANY TROUBLE.

TRANSIT POTENTIAL VARIABLE ZERO
POINT NINE TWO, MODULATION
CIRCUITS HARMONIZED....

EXCELLENT.
ALIGN THE BUFFERS,
CHARGE THE SECONDARY
BOOSTERS...

...AND PREPARE A
PROBE. FULL ACTIVE-
ANALYSIS.

WE WILL
SOON BE
READY TO RUN
A TEST.

WATCHER
UATU...

...MAINTAIN
YOUR SPECTRAL
ASPECT.

WATCHER
OYRA, YOU
ARE HERE BY
THE COUNCIL'S
COMMAND?

TO REMIND
YOU OF YOUR
OATH, YOU ARE
FORBIDDEN TO
INTERFERE.

THIS IS
A TERMINAL
CRISIS-
LOCUS.

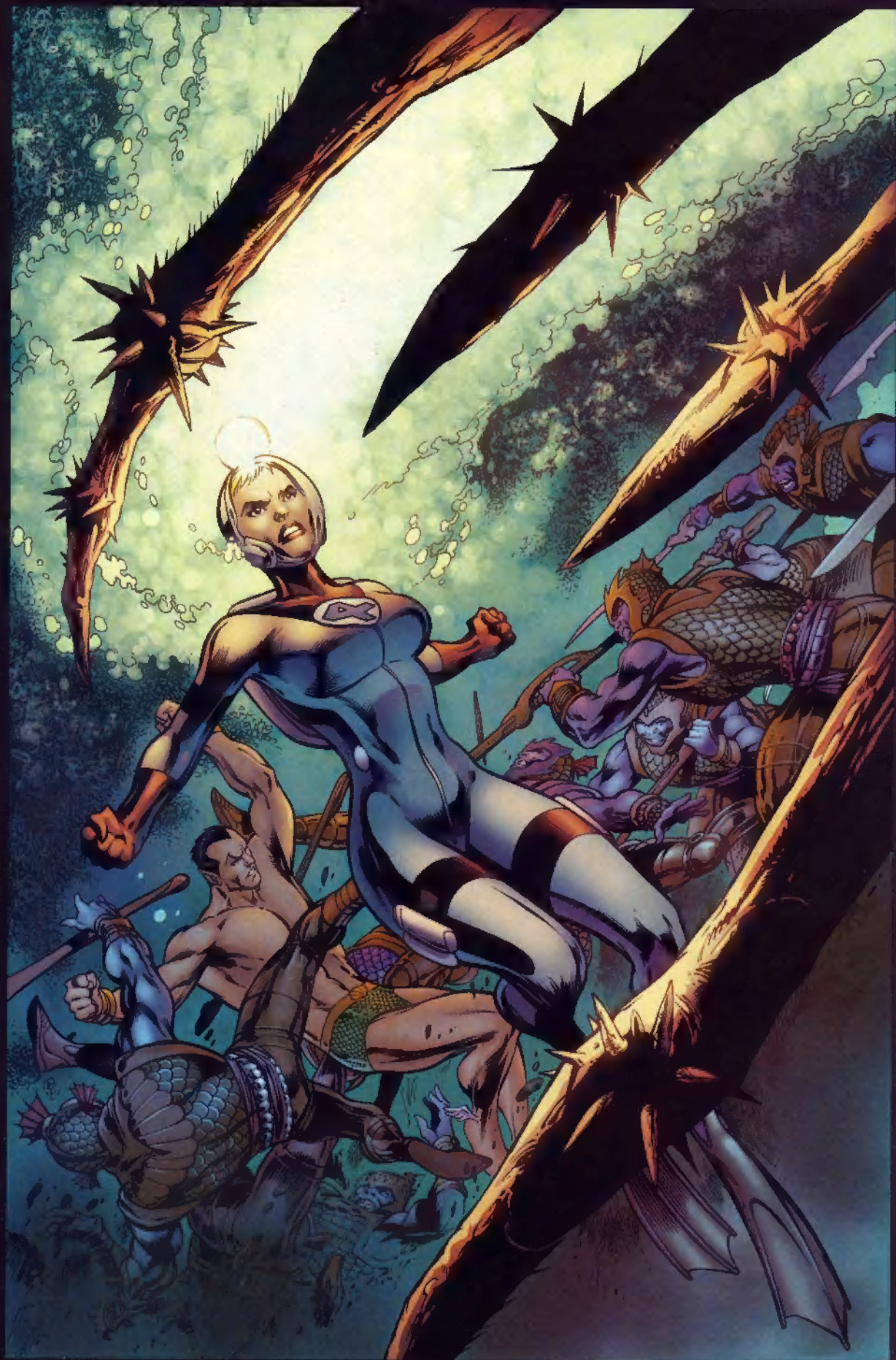
THAT HAS
CONSEQUENCES
FOR THE ENTIRE
GALAXY.

AND
IF HUMANKIND IS
EXTERMINATED?

YOU MUST
WATCH.

To be continued...

NEXT ISSUE:



METAL DAVE

A detailed illustration of the character Metal Dave. He is a muscular man with a large, golden, metallic head and a body covered in dark, spiked armor. He is shown from the waist up, with his right arm raised and clenched into a fist. The background is a fiery orange and red, with yellow lightning bolts striking around his arm. The overall style is reminiscent of classic comic book art.

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